



## **Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children**



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Hawaii was 14th state to join Interstate Compact in June 2009  
In June 2011, Governor Abercrombie reauthorized  
Hawaii Interstate Compact Law to make Hawaii a permanent member

## Compact Overview

- Goal: replace widely varying policies with consistent policy in every school/state
- Addresses key transition issues
  - Enrollment
  - Placement & Attendance
  - Eligibility
  - Graduation
- Note: public schools only

## Purpose of Briefing

- Inform schools & families about progress/timeline
  - What Compact does and does not cover
- Some schools and families may think Compact
  - Addresses more than it does
  - Will be fully operational from start



Major Gen Michael Terry

Complex Area Supt Patricia Park

Senator Norman Sakamoto

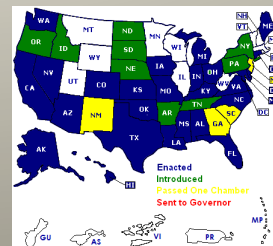
## Major Points

- **Compact designed to resolve recognized education transition issues**
- **Not intended to impact curriculum or local standards**
  - Recognizes responsibility of states and local education agencies (LEAs)

## Background and Status

- Developed by DoD - The Council of State Governments assisted
- Input/assistance from many
- 39 states as of June 2011
- Governing Commission first meeting Oct '08
- Second meeting Nov '09
- States establishing Councils
  - Rules & Executive Committees meeting since 2009
  - Compliance, Finance, & Training Committees began 2010

Process is on track but will take time to be fully operational



## Compact Content

- Article I – Purpose
- Article II – Definitions
- Article III – Applicability
- **Article IV – Enrollment**
- **Article V – Placement and Attendance**
- **Article VI – Eligibility**
- **Article VII – Graduation**
- Article VIII – State Coordination
- Article IX – Interstate Commission

## ENROLLMENT Educational Records

### What's included:

- Unofficial records
- Use to enroll and place student
- Sending school responds to request within 10 days

### What's not covered:

- Right to request copy of every paper in file
- Receiving unofficial records for free





## Immunizations

### What's included:

- 30 days from enrollment to get immunizations
- A series must be started within 30 days

### What's not covered:

- **TB testing:** a test not immunization; may be required



## Kindergarten & First Grade Entrance Age

### What's included:

- Continue in same grade regardless of entrance age if already enrolled in K or 1<sup>st</sup> grade
- May go to next grade regardless of age requirements

### What's not covered:

- Student not enrolled in K even though eligible



## PLACEMENT & ATTENDANCE

### Course/Program Placement

#### What's included:

- Place in courses/programs based on prior enrollment
- Receiving state *may* subsequently evaluate student



#### What's not covered:

- Guarantee of continued enrollment if not qualified
- No requirement to create a course or additional space

## Special Education Services

#### What's included:

- Initially same services identified in sending state IEP
- Receiving state *may* subsequently evaluate student

#### What's not covered:

- Provide exact programs as sending state
- Anything above IDEA requirements



## Placement Flexibility

### What's included:

- Flexibility to waive prerequisites if similar course completed elsewhere

### What's not covered:

- Mandatory waivers of prerequisites/preconditions



## Absence Related to Deployment

### What's included:

- Flexibility for excused absences due to deployment

Deployment window = 1 month before departure through 6 months after return



### What's not covered:

- More than "reasonable accommodation"

Provides discretion to schools during state testing or if student already missed too much school



## ELIGIBILITY For Enrollment

### What's included:

- Cannot charge tuition if child placement due to deployment
- Can continue at current school even if living with others
- Power of attorney sufficient

### What's not covered:

- Situations other than during deployment (e.g., not for PCS)



## For Extracurricular Participation

### What's included:

- Schools facilitate **opportunity** regardless of deadlines as long as otherwise qualified



### What's not covered:

- State athletic associations
- No requirement to hold open or create additional spaces

## GRADUATION

### What's included:

- Waiving required courses
- Flexibility to accept alternatives for graduation tests
- Receive diploma from sending school if no time to meet new requirements
- If waiver not granted and student would have qualified to graduate, receiving school provide alternatives so graduation is on time

### What's not covered:

- Mandatory waivers....but schools must show good cause for denial
- Mandatory waiver of exams or acceptance of alternatives
- Right of parents to request change of graduation requirements



## Our School Makes the



Graduation on time

Registration and enrollment

Attendance

Determination of placement

Eligibility for activities



- Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission

[www.mic3.net](http://www.mic3.net)

- In Hawaii, the AMFAS website  
[militaryfamily.k12.hi.us/seminar/interstatecompact](http://militaryfamily.k12.hi.us/seminar/interstatecompact)

Link to Army TV Town Hall briefing with MG Terry's comments

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Mr Darren Dean, Military Family Education Liaison



- Joint Venture Education Forum (JVEF)
- Military Youth Advisory Council (MYAC) at Radford HS
- School Liaison Officer (SLO)
  - [Militaryk12partners.dodea.edu/reference\\_SLOsexplained.html](http://Militaryk12partners.dodea.edu/reference_SLOsexplained.html)
- Hawaii State Council for the Interstate Compact
  - Governor, Legislature, Supt, Complex Area Supt, Military Service Representatives, USPACOM
- DoDEA study just completed—to be released soon
- Military Child in Hawaii 3-year study by Johns Hopkins
  - Ongoing—take survey at <http://www.hawaiikids.org>



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